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ABSTRACT

This directory is designed for use by parents, professionals, and disabled persons interested and concerned about the transition period from high school to adult working life. It lists persons in each state who can be contacted for information on current transition activities as well as future transition services being planned by the state. It includes names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers for persons designated as transition specialists by each state's chief state school officer and administrator of vocational rehabilitation. In addition to the 50 states, listings are included for American Samoa, Guam, the Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. (VW)

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About This Directory

The transition period for handicapped youth, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education, includes preparation in the secondary school, coordinated support efforts needed upon graduation, additional postsecondary education and/or adult services, and the initial years of employment. The transition from school to working life involves a range of choices about career options and an array of services and experiences that lead to employment. Effective transition addresses the quality and appropriateness of services designed for individual circumstances and needs.

As part of the transition initiative to assist handicapped youth to move effectively from school to adult working life, the HEATH Resource Center -- National Clearinghouse on Postsecondary Education for Handicapped Individuals, has been collecting and cataloguing information on current transition programs for secondary and postsecondary handicapped individuals. HEATH's Campus Resource File currently contains specific program and contact information on almost 200 transition programs throughout the United States.

In addition to available information on specific transition programs, HEATH has published this **National Directory of Transition Specialists** (1986). The **Directory**, organized by state, identifies the persons responsible for coordinating and/or overseeing transition initiatives in the state agencies of education• and vocational rehabilitation*. The survey indicates that transition 'activity' in a particular state is as varied as the array of titles and the actual number of person(s) designated as the transition specialist by a particular state agency.

This **Directory** is for parents, professionals and disabled persons interested and concerned about the critical transition period from high school to adult working life. The persons listed in the **Directory** can be contacted for information on current transition activities as well as future transition services being planned in a particular state.

• denotes person(s) designated as the transition specialist by Chief State School Officers
* denotes person(s) designated as the transition specialist by State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation

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